PATENT APPLICATION



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In re application of

Heinrich PAJUNK and Horst PAJUNK Confirmation No.: 6059

Application No.: 10/716,281 Examiner: Catherine WILLIAMS

Filed: November 18, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3763

For: DEVICE FOR FIXATION OF CATHETER AND FILTER

Attorney Docket No.: 2368.153

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, along with copies of the European Search Report are provided herewith.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. US 4 561 857 A
- 2. European Patent No. EP 0 972 537 A
- 3. U.S. Patent No. US 6 428 514 B1
- 4. French Patent No. FR 2 351 348 A

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Document 1

U.S. Patent No. US 4 561 857 A entitled, "Intravenous Filter Retainer" published on December 31, 1985.

In the International Search Report, Document 1 was cited as category "X" with relevancy to claims 1-5.

Document 1 is in the English language.

Document 2

European Patent No. EP 0 972 537 A entitled, "Medical Fixation Device" published on January 19, 2000.

In the International Search Report Document 2 was cited as category "X" with relevancy to claims 1, and 8-12.

Document 2 is in the English language.

Document 3

U.S. Patent No. US 6 428 514 B1 entitled, "Device for Administering Liquids to a Patient" published on August 6, 2002.

In the International Search Report Document 3 was cited as categories "A and D" with relevancy to claims 1-12.

Document 3 is in the English language.

Document 4

French Patent No. FR 2 351 348 A entitled, "Support Pour Objets Allonges" published on December 9, 1977.

In the International Search Report, Document 4 was cited as category "A" with relevancy to claims 1 and 12.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to or in the Patent Family of Document 4.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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